



Agenda Item No. 11(A)(24)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 3, 2012

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting the donation of a bust or monument in honor of Carmita Riera, approving its installation within the grounds of the Miami-Dade County Auditorium located at 2901 West Flagler Street, directing the County Mayor to coordinate with family of Carmita Riera on development of an appropriate bust/monument, and waiving certain provisions of Implementing Order 1-3

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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7-3-12

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A BUST OR MONUMENT IN HONOR OF CARMITA RIERA, APPROVING ITS INSTALLATION WITHIN THE GROUNDS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AUDITORIUM LOCATED AT 2901 WEST FLAGLER STREET, DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE WITH FAMILY OF CARMITA RIERA ON DEVELOPMENT OF AN APPROPRIATE BUST/MONUMENT, AND WAIVING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF IMPLEMENTING ORDER 1-3

WHEREAS, Maria del Carmen Rivera Gomez ("Carmita") was born in Valencia, Spain on September 14, 1937; and

WHEREAS, when Carmita was five years old, her family moved to Cuba; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 14, Carmita was hired to assist the music teacher and taught at the College of the Dominican American; and

WHEREAS, Carmita's first experience as a choir director was in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Carmita went on to become Director of the Cuban Choral concerts and participated in various television programs; and

WHEREAS, in January of 1961, Carmita married Jose Luis Riera, with whom she was married for 50 years and 10 months and with whom she raised four children who, in turn, provided them with thirteen grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in March of 1963, the choir was reorganized in Miami; and

WHEREAS, the choir went on to perform over 350 concerts for various charitable Hispanic and Catholic functions throughout Miami-Dade County including performing in hospitals for the benefit of the infirmed and their families, performing for senior centers that cared for the elderly, performing in centers that cared for disabled children and performing for inmates in our prisons; and

WHEREAS, some of the notable performances of Carmita's choir included tributes to Cuban refugees, performances honoring the Virgin of Charity, performances broadcasts to Cuba through radio, performances on the Voice of America, performances in the Latin American Week celebration in Miami, performing a tribute in honor of the murdered Brothers to the Rescue Pilots, and performing in the mass in honor of Celia Cruz at the Church of Gesu; and

WHEREAS, as Carmita Riera died on December 8, 2011, it is only appropriate that this Board honor Carmita's charitable legacy by installing a bust or monument within the grounds of the Miami-Dade County Auditorium located at 2901 West Flagler Street; and

WHEREAS, Carmita Riera's husband and family are raising the money to pay for the bust or monument and have offered to donate such bust or monument, once completed, to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Implementing Order ("I.O.") 1-3 sets forth the procedure for gifts to the County and provides, among other things, that the authority to accept or reject commemorative and/or memorial structures lies with the administration and that donations of artwork or commemorative structures must be reviewed by the Art in Public Places Trust; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accept the donation of a bust or monument honoring Carmita Riera and, in accepting the donation from Carmita's family of such bust or monument, this Board desires to waive the provisions of I.O. 1-3 that provide that the administration has the authority to accept or reject such a donation and that require the donation of the bust or monument be reviewed by the Art in Public Places Trust,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA this Board:

Section 1. Waives the provisions of I.O. 1-3 that provide that the administration has the authority to accept or reject commemorative and/or memorial structures and that any such structure or artwork to be donated to the County must be reviewed by the Art in Public Places Trust, in order to accept a donation of a bust or monument honoring Carmita Riera.

Section 2. Accepts the donation of a bust or monument in honor of Carmita Riera, to be donated by her family to the County, and approves the installation of such bust or monument within the grounds of the Miami-Dade County Auditorium located at 2901 West Flagler Street.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to coordinate with the family of Carmita Riera on the development of an appropriate bust or monument and on the installation of such bust or monument.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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Joe A. Martinez, Chairman

Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

Sally A. Heyman

Jean Monestime

Rebeca Sosa

Xavier L. Suarez

Lynda Bell

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Barbara J. Jordan

Dennis C. Moss

Sen. Javier D. Souto

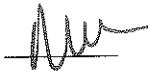
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of July, 2012. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Monica Rizo

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